

dolphin

7 or 8 of them  
for the last two hours  
out in the waves  
just offshore  
only 30 feet from sand  
that's nice

nicer than any poem ever  
written by any human

nicer  
than any novel ever written  
by any human

nicer than you or me or them  
or us or we

I don't like humans very much  
I think we are a cancer on this  
earth trying to spread  
now about the solar system

I think we lost our chance  
when the devil as the head  
of a worm in an apple hissed  
to Adam "come eat meee ... come eat meee ...  
come eat meee..."

and Adam gulped him right down  
into the pith of Adam's gut  
where he became one with all of us  
one with all Adam's progeny

I think I've written a  
lot of nonsense above  
all save for that truth  
about dolphins

out there right now  
7 or 8 of them  
swimming among the surfers  
slowly and very relaxed  
almost playfully  
yet a little bit too much  
on alert

to be considered  
playful